

all the men and women who have served as her crew, I extend my thanks and appreciation. Your faithful attention to duty—guiding mariners to safety, aiding citizens in distress, and defending all the interests of the United States will be remembered. You have truly been *Semper Paratus*.•

#### TRIBUTE TO LAURA STEPHAN

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Laura Stephan of Merrimack, New Hampshire, for being honored with the "President's Award" from the Merrimack Chamber of Commerce.

Laura has served the citizens of Merrimack selflessly with enthusiasm and loyalty. Her demonstrated ability to continuously provide high quality assistance in all aspects of Chamber activities is commendable.

Laura is a graduate from the State University of New York in Albany with a Liberal Arts degree. She is the Treasurer of the State of New Hampshire Women's Council of Realtors and is an active member of the Nashua Chapter of the Women's Council of Realtors who has received the "Affiliate of the Year Award" from the Greater Nashua Board of Realtors.

Active in numerous community projects, Laura has served as the President of the American Stage Festival Theater Guild and as a member of its Board of Trustees. She is also an active member and committee chairperson for Merrimack Friends and Family.

Laura and her husband, Gary, reside in Merrimack. She is a passionate volunteer for the Humane Society of Nashua and is committed to promoting a better quality of life in the community.

Laura has enthusiastically provided dedicated service to her local community and to the people of New Hampshire. It is an honor to represent her in the U.S. Senate.•

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:18 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2. An act to establish a procedure to safeguard the combined surpluses of the Social Security and Medicare hospital insurance trust funds.

H.R. 524. An act to require the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to assist small and medium-sized manufacturers and other such businesses to successfully integrate and utilize electronic commerce technologies and business practices, and to authorize the National Institute of Standards and Technology to assess critical enterprise integration standards and implementation activities for major manufacturing industries and to develop a plan for enterprise integration for each major manufacturing industry.

H.R. 544. An act to establish a program, coordinated by the National Transportation

Safety Board, of assistance to families of passengers involved in rail passenger accidents.

H.R. 559. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 1 Courthouse Way in Boston, Massachusetts, as the "John Joseph Moakley United States Courthouse."

The message also announced that the House passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 279. An act affecting the representation of the majority and minority membership of the Senate Members of the Joint Economic Committee.

The message further announced the House agreed to the following concurrent resolutions in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 28. A concurrent resolution providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President.

H. Con. Res. 32. A concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 1505 of Public Law 99-498 (20 U.S.C. 4412), the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian Native Culture and Arts Development: Mr. YOUNG of Alaska and Mr. KILDEE of Michigan.

The message further announced that pursuant to sections 5580 and 5581 of the Revised Statutes (20 U.S.C. 42-43), the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: Mr. REGULA of Ohio, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, and Mr. MATSUI of California.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 103 of Public Law 99-371 (20 U.S.C. 4303), the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Board of Trustees of Gallaudet University: Mr. LAHOOD of Illinois.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2. An act to establish a procedure to safeguard the combined surpluses of the Social Security and Medicare hospital insurance trust funds; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 524. An act to require the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to assist small and medium-sized manufacturers and other such businesses to successfully integrate and utilize electronic commerce technologies and business practices, and to authorize the National Institute of Standards and Technology to assess critical enterprise integration standards and implementation activities for major manufacturing industries and to develop a plan for enterprise integration for each major manufacturing industry; to the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

H.R. 554. An act to establish a program, coordinated by the National Transportation Safety Board, of assistance to families of passengers involved in rail passenger accidents; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-632. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia; Post Rate-of-Progress Plans, One-Hour Ozone Attainment Demonstrations and Attainment Date Extension for the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Ozone Nonattainment Area; Correction" (FRL6943-9) received on February 8, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-633. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Water Quality Standards; Establishment of Numeric Criteria for Priority Toxic Pollutants for the State of California; Correction" (FRL6941-1) received on February 8, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-634. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant New Uses of Certain Chemical Substances; Delay of Effective Date" (FRL6769-7) received on February 8, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-635. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Approval of Opacity Recodifications and Revisions to Visible Emissions Requirements COMAR 26.11.06.02" (FRL6916-6) received on February 6, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-636. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; New Source Review Regulations" (FRL6922-8) received on February 6, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-637. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Rhode Island; Enhanced Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program" (FRL6913-3) received on February 6, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-638. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Environmental Program Grants for Tribes, Final Rule: Delay of Effective Date" (FRL6943-5) received on February 6, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-639. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant New Uses of Certain Chemical Substances; Delay of Effective Date" (FRL6769-7) received on February 6, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.